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In re Patent Application:

Christopher W. McNutt et al.

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INDEP. CLAIMS	8	MINUS	7	= 1	X \$88.00	\$88.00
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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER
37 C.F.R. § 1.116

In response to the Final Office Action dated September 9, 2004, Applicant requests reconsideration of this application in light of the following amendments and remarks. Applicant also respectfully requests entry of the present amendment.